

REMARKS

The Examiner's approval is requested for the amendment of claims 1-7, 9-1, 13-14 and 17 to limit the header data to "picture header data". In this regard, it should be noted that allowed original claim 13 already recites "the means for encoding data being arranged to repeat part, but not all, of said data, said repeated part including the picture header for the frame" which now claims "the picture header data for the frame".

Since the original claims already contain reference to a "picture header" support in the claims for picture header data is present in the application. Moreover, the limiting of the claims to picture header data would not require the Examiner to reexamine the patentability of the claims since the claiming of picture header data narrows the claim scope.

Claims 18-35 have been cancelled, which are counterparts to the original claims prior to the filing of a Preliminary Amendment, that contained multiple dependent claims.

New claims 36-51 have been added. Claims 36-42 further limit the decoder of claim 14, claims 40-43 further limit the encoder of claim 13, claims 44-47 have been added to cover the embodiment disclosed beginning on page 19, line 1, and claims 48-51 have been added to cover the embodiment disclosed on page 17, lines 21-23.

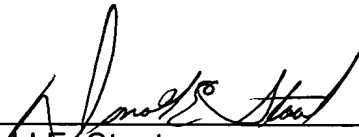
Early entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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